

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-06-03

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday,  
June 18, 2003

Effective Date 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 23

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., December  
31, 2003, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION

This emergency order closes king salmon fishing in the Karluk River drainage (including Karluk Lagoon and its outlet stream) for the remainder of the year. Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used downstream of Karluk Lake from June 23 through August 31, 2003. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; all king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (b) (1) (E) are superceded by this emergency order to read:

#### **5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS.**

(b) (1) (E) The Karluk River drainage, including Karluk Lagoon and its outlet stream, is closed to fishing for king salmon June 23 – December 31, 2003. Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used downstream of Karluk Lake from June 23, 2003 – August 31, 2003. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; all king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. The Ayakulik drainage is closed to sport fishing for king salmon from July 26-December 31.

Kevin C. Duffy,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz,  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Daily king salmon counts through the Karluk weir have remained low, and the projected total weir count for the year has continued to decline. As of June 17, only 1,835 king salmon have been counted through the weir. Using the average time of entry during the past three years, 63% of the total count has already occurred by this date and the total weir count for the season is projected to be 3,600 king salmon. The sport king harvest above the weir was documented at 100 through June 18. The sport harvest must be reduced in order to achieve the minimum biological escapement of 3,600 spawning king salmon.

The Karluk drainage, including Karluk Lagoon and its outlet stream, will be closed to sport fishing for king salmon at 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 23. Additionally, in order to reduce the incidental catch of king salmon during the sockeye salmon sport fishery, the use of bait downstream of Karluk Lake will be prohibited June 23 - August 31, 2003. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; any king salmon incidentally caught must not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

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